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**RE: Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action Conceptual Design Approach - Plainwell, Michigan
Consent Decree, No. 1:05CV003**

Dear Sam:

Attached for your review and comment is the Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action Conceptual Design Approach for the former Plainwell Mill property in Plainwell, Michigan. This conceptual design approach is the first step in a five-step process for completion of the Plainwell Mill Banks Emergency Action. The next step is preparation of the Design Report which will present details of design calculations, refinement of the various components of the design, and an update to the overall construction schedule. We are currently working on this report and, to facilitate review, we can provide you with advanced copies of supporting appendices for review and comment prior to submittal with the overall report. Please let us know if you are interested in seeing preview copies.

As we discussed previously, the schedule for the bank excavation activities will depend on timely submittals along with expedited agency reviews and approvals. Favorable weather and river conditions are also important to completion of bank construction in 2007. As such, we are hoping to hear from you soon with any specific comments on the conceptual approach so that we can incorporate those concerns into the Design report.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance on this action. We appreciate your prompt attention matter and look forward to discussions regarding the design report. Please feel free to contact me or Jim Hutchens and Kathy Huibregtse at RMT if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hale". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Jennifer Hale
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